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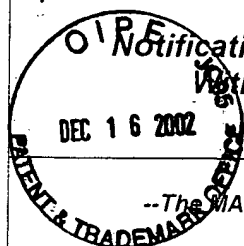
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**Notification of Non-Compliance
With 37 CFR 1.192(c)**

Application No.

09/615,683

Applicant(s)

STOCKMAN, JAMES A.

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The Appeal Brief filed on 16 September 2002 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c). See MPEP § 1206.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file IN TRIPLICATE a complete new brief in compliance with 37 CFR 1.192 (c) within the longest of any of the following three **TIME PERIODS**: (1) **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer; (2) **TWO MONTHS** from the date of the notice of appeal; or (3) within the period for reply to the action from which this appeal was taken. **EXTENTIONS OF THESE TIME PERIODS MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.**

1. ☐ The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 1.192(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. ☐ The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, pending or cancelled, or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 1.192(c)(3)).
3. ☐ At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 1.192(c)(4)).
4. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the claimed invention, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 1.192(c)(5)).
5. ☐ The brief does not contain a concise statement of the issues presented for review (37 CFR 1.192(c)(6)).
6. ☐ A single ground of rejection has been applied to two or more claims in this application, and
 - (a) ☐ the brief omits the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c)(7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet presents arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
 - (b) ☐ the brief includes the statement required by 37 CFR 1.192(c) (7) that one or more claims do not stand or fall together, yet does not present arguments in support thereof in the argument section of the brief.
7. ☐ The brief does not present an argument under a separate heading for each issue on appeal (37 CFR 1.192(c)(8)).
8. ☐ The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 1.192(c)(9)).
9. ☒ Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

The statement of the issues and the arguments presented therefore include items which are not appealable under 37 CFR 1.191(a). Items 9-11 under section VI. ISSUES in appellants brief which are directed to objections to the drawings and drawing requirements are not appealable. An appeal and related appeal brief is to be directed to only rejections set forth in view of the claims (see 37 CFR 1.191(a) and MPEP 1205). Objections and all other formal requirements are issues which are petitionable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under 37 CFR 1.181. See also MPEP 706.01. Appellant is required to submit a new appeal brief directed to only the rejections set forth in the prior final office action and to either correct the objections set forth in final office action or petition the objections accordingly.

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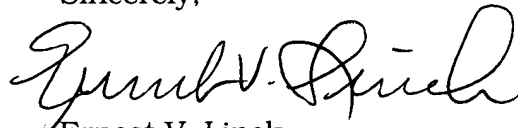
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 C.F.R.
1.192(c) dated December 3, 2002, applicant hereby submits the enclosed
Revised Appeal Brief in triplicate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions,
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Sincerely,



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